

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

The present invention provides an apparatus having a carriage, in which, even when a toothed belt having a fine tooth pitch and low tooth height is used ~~as driving transmitting means~~ to drive the carriage, a jumping phenomenon of the toothed belt is positively prevented to thereby ~~[[to]]~~ achieve stable scanning of the carriage without requiring a driving motor having a large capacity and an additional carriage position detecting ~~means~~ device. A member for preventing the jumping of the toothed belt is disposed to create a predetermined gap ~~[[b]]~~ with respect to a back surface of the toothed belt and is inclined with respect to the back surface by a predetermined angle ~~[[θ]]~~ at a position where the member is opposed to the back surface of a portion of the toothed belt to which the carriage is connected, in the vicinity of the driving pulley for the toothed belt connected to the carriage on which a head is mounted.